

The South Florida Water Management District LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEWS



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In Your Region

April is Water Conservation Month

Following the lead of the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida, the South Florida Water Management District designated April as Water Conservation Month. The City of Kissimmee, City of St. Cloud, Town of Windermere, Orange County, Osceola County and Polk County issued proclamations supporting this important initiative. The District appreciates and commends their efforts to promote water conservation.

Stormwater Management Workshop

About 50 representatives of homeowners associations, property and lake managers, environmental groups, and city and county staff attended a stormwater management workshop in Osceola County. Topics included the District's Central and Southern Florida System, Osceola County's stormwater management responsibilities, the National Flood Insurance program, stormwater pond maintenance, Florida-Friendly landscaping and aquatic plant management. Look for similar workshops in Orange and Polk counties in the months ahead. For more information, please contact Bridgett Tolley, Community Outreach Specialist, at 407-858-6100, ext. 3806.

Horikawa High School Students Experience the Headwaters of the Everglades



Traveling by airboat on Lake Tohopekaliga, 76 students from Horikawa High School in Kyoto, Japan experienced the headwaters of the Everglades. Afterward, they met with Bridgett Tolley, Community Outreach Specialist, for a lesson on the Kissimmee-Okeechobee-Everglades ecosystem.

Waiting for Your Invitation

Scientists and other specialists at the Orlando Service Center are available to educate constituents about water resources management and environmental restoration projects in our area. It would be our pleasure to tailor a presentation to meet your specific needs on projects ranging from water conservation to restoration of the Kissimmee Basin. If interested, please contact [Bridgett Tolley](#) at 407-858-6100, ext. 3806 or [Bill Graf](#), 407-858-6100, ext. 3837.



Out and About

- **Central Florida Earth Day**
April 24 at 10 a.m.
Orlando
- **Water Resources Advisory Commission (WRAC) Monthly Meeting**
May 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
SFWMD B-1 Auditorium, 3310 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach
- **SFWMD Governing Board Meeting**
May 12 and 13
Blake Library, Stuart
- **Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters**
May 19 at 10 a.m.
Orlando
- **WRAC Issues Workshop - River of Grass Project Planning Phase II**
May 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
John Boy Auditorium, 1200 South Owens Ave., Clewiston
- **WRAC Monthly Meeting**
June 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
North Miami Leisure Services Dept., McDonald Center 17051 NE 19th Ave., North Miami Beach
- **SFWMD Governing Board Meeting**
June 8 and 9
SFWMD B-1 Auditorium, 3310 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach
- **WRAC Issues Workshop - River of Grass Project Planning Phase II**
June 17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
SFWMD B-1 Auditorium, 3310 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach
- **WRAC Recreation Issues Workshop**
June 21, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.
SFWMD B-1 Auditorium, 3310 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach